

A bill to amend Articles 743 and 744 of the Penal Code. Read 2nd time. Suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide for a revision of the laws. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

House joint resolutions requesting the return of the 1st, 4th, and 5th Texas Regiments. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill for the subsistence of soldiers' families. Read 2nd time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Beasley introduced a bill to provide for redressing grievances of the citizens of the State of Texas suffered at the hand of officers and soldiers of the Confederate States. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Military Affairs.

The Committee on Military Affairs reported recommending the passage of joint resolution relating to conduct of Army officers.

A bill to amend an act to organize County Courts appointed February 16, 1852. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended and read 3rd time and passed.

A bill amendatory of an act to reorganize the 16th Judicial District and to provide for the time of holding courts therein. Read 2nd time and Mr. Selman moved to amend by inserting "11th Monday," instead of "8th Monday" for the terms of the Court in Van Zandt County. Laid on table. Bill passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended and read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 8 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Friday, May 20, 1864

8 o'clock A.M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Harcourt presented the memorial of citizens of Fayette County in relation to sheep raising. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee reported a substitute for a bill to regulate the election of Chief Justice and Associate Justice of Supreme Court. Also recommended the passage of the bill to define the boun-

dary of the headright league of land granted to James W. McNair and A. W. McLain and recommended that a bill to amend 1st section of the act to suspend all laws for the collection of debt do not pass.

Mr. Davis, one of Committee on Military Affairs, made the following report:

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred joint resolutions requesting the return of the 1st, 4th, and 5th Regiments of Texas troops, report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that the resolutions be indefinitely postponed for the reason following, to wit: As highly as the services of said regiments are appreciated by your committees, yet they are of the opinion that any distinction made in reference to the service of the gallant men of Texas and all the states who have so heroically battled for our rights, would at this time be unnecessary and unwise.

Davis

One of the Committee

Mr. Hord, one of the Judiciary Committee, reported on their behalf and recommended the passage of the joint resolution relative to impressments.

The Committee on State Affairs recommended the indefinite postponement of a bill to provide an act prohibiting owners or employees of slaves from placing them in charge of farms or stock ranches detached or removed from the home or place of residence of the owner or employer.

Mr. Beasley offered the following. "*Resolved*, That the Committee on State Affairs be instructed to inquire into that part of the governor's message relative to the necessary events of soldiers' families in cotton and medicines and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

. . . "in consideration of being exempted from conscription and in case they will not serve without pay they shall be turned over to the proper military authorities of the Confederate government." Mr. Wootten moved to lay on table. Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Beasley, Burney, Cooley, Davis, Durant, Haskell, Hord, Jowers, Knox, Magoffin, Montague, Quayle,

²A portion of the Journal is missing for this date. The missing part appears to be one page of the manuscript.

Throckmorton, Weatherford, Wootten, and White—16.

Nays—Messrs. Charlton, Dickson, Ford, Guinn, Hartley, Kinsey, Lea, Parsons, and Peck—9.

Mr. Lea then moved to strike out "except clothing which shall not be furnished." Carried. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended and passed by following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Beasley, Burney, Cooley, Davis, Durant, Hartley, Haskell, Hord, Jowers, Knox, Lea, Magoffin, Moore of Bastrop, Montague, Parsons, Peck, Quayle, Throckmorton, Weatherford, Wootten, and White—21.

Nays—Messrs. Charlton, Dickson, Ford, Guinn, and Kinsey—5.

A bill to amend Articles 819 and 820 of the Penal Code with report of Judiciary Committee recommending amendments. Read 2nd time. 1st amendment adopted, 2nd amendment lost. Mr. Guinn then moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. Lost. The bill was then laid on table for the present.

A bill to regulate the reception and disposal of certain funds therein described. Read 2nd time. Mr. Lea moved to strike out "Treasurer" and insert "Comptroller." Carried.

Mr. Kinsey offered the following: insert after "act" in 9th line from top of 3rd Section "except for the ad valorem tax on the assessment of property for year 1863 which ad valorem tax was paid in Confederate Treasury Notes of the old issue at their face value." Mr. Hartley moved to substitute the amendment by striking out "25 days" and inserting "30th day of June" as the limit for receiving old notes under \$100 at their face value. Carried. Amendment was then put and lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Charlton, Davis, Hartley, Kinsey, Magoffin, and Weatherford—6.

Nays—Messrs. Beasley, Burney, Dickson, Ford, Guinn, Jowers, Knox, Lea, Moore of Davis, Moore of Bastrop, Montague, Parsons, Quayle, Peck, Wootten, and White—16.

Mr. Dickson offered the following amendments: After the words "shall be exchanged for Confederate Treasury notes of the new issue" and before the words "according to the law for such exchange" insert "or paid out on drafts of the Comptroller." Lost. Bill ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to allow the use of the Penitentiary for the con-

finement of deserters from the Confederate States Army with report of Committee recommending its indefinite postponement. Read 2nd time and report adopted.

A bill to amend 1st and 2nd sections of an act to incorporate Rusk Iron Company. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed on call of yeas and nays by constitutional majority, Mr. Peck voting nay.

A bill to incorporate the Cherokee Furnace Company. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed by constitutional majority, Mr. Cooley voting nay.

Mr. Burney offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the Committee on State Affairs be requested to take into consideration the necessity of so altering or increasing the appropriations made for the support of the Deaf and Dumb, Blind, and Lunatic Asylums as to insure their maintenance until the next meeting of the Legislature and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Dickson offered the following: *Resolved*, That the Committee on State Affairs inquire as to the necessity of continuing the Military Board and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

The Senate then adjourned until 8 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Saturday, May 21, 1864

8 o'clock A.M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Guinn presented the petition of Lydia Davis for divorce. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of Finance Committee, made the following report:

To the Honorable F. S. Stockdale, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred a petition of Honorable S. Terry, Chief Justice of Tarrant County, has considered the subject, and now reports the petition with a request to be discharged from its further consideration.

The petition suggests, in substance, that the State should give its treasury warrants for Confederate money